

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson. This meeting was held at the Adult Literacy Center.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Commissioner Thomas, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the March called and regular meetings were approved after typographical corrections on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Session minutes from the March meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion. Commissioner Williamson abstained because he was not present for the Executive Session. Motion carried.

Appearing before the Board was Joe Filippone, Director of Economic Development. Mr. Filippone informed the Board of three new business openings in the county. Designs by Elizabeth held a ribbon cutting and the other two will have ribbon cuttings in May. This will make five new business openings in the county this year.

Under Reports, Recreation Department Director Steve McLeod reported the new lights were installed around the walking trail. He would also like to purchase a golf cart to drag the fields and haul equipment and to purchase a portable fence and to have the leaning light pole straightened up. Also, Marlen Ethredge resigned from the Recreation Board and someone will have to be appointed to fill the vacancy. The Commissioners will advertise for the position opening.

Michele Johnson from the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber informed the Board they are getting ready for the Leadership classes to start. Ms. Johnson reported the Showcasing Toombs-Montgomery will be May 11th and the Chamber's meeting will be April 24th.

Jonathan Holland reported there were 91 EMS calls in the County during the month of March. The EMS had about 50 blood pressure screenings and about 70 trained in CPR chest compressions during the Uvalda Farm Festival.

Donnie Daniel, EMA Director reported there were several brush fires in the county in March. Mr. Daniels thanked all law enforcement and emergency personnel that participated in the Teen Maze at Brewton Parker and he will be attending the EMAG Conference this week.

County Manager Brandon Braddy updated the Board on the County's request for Public Assistance funds from FEMA due to damages caused by Hurricane IRMA.

Road Superintendent Milton Fountain reported the safety meeting topic held on March 20, 2018 was 'Electric Shock' and there were 8 employees at the meeting. There was one accident to report. The dump truck driver did not lower the bed of the truck before driving off and the bed caught some power lines pulling them down. The driver's CDL license had been reduced and he did not have the required license to drive the dump truck. He was placed on a 15-day suspension and given the opportunity to get the required license, which he failed to obtain. The driver was terminated. The Board will now advertise for a dump truck driver.

The Board reviewed the work orders and projects list. Superintendent Fountain reported he had built-up the road bed on Ashley Wilkes Drive and has started working on Montgomery Acres. The Board of Education has requested for assistance on repairing the track. Commissioner Palmer reported he talked with Mr. Towery regarding the County purchasing sand from him.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable and financial reports.

Under Old Business, the Board reviewed the Code of Conduct Ordinance proposed by Commissioner Kenney. Chairman Adams recommended a few changes to the ordinance. Commissioner Palmer requested Commissioner Kenney, who authored the proposed ordinance, briefly summarize why the need for the new legislation. Commissioner Kenney explained this was an attempt to put some decorum in the meetings. Commissioner Kenney explained the definition of decorum which is keeping in good taste and propriety, courteousness, correctness, and good manners. This ordinance does not restrict any topic from being brought up. If adopted, rules that would be included during meetings are: you can't speak without being recognized by the Chairman which is regular meeting decorum, interrupt while someone else has the floor, use profanity during the public meeting, refuse to yield the floor or to argue with the Chairman if he or she is ruled out of order by the Chairman, make disparaging remarks about another's character during the public portion of the meeting, represent their own opinion and beliefs as the position of the board or other members, refuse to recognize the validity of the actions approved by the majority vote of the Board, and divulge the subject matter of any confidential matter, legal advice, legal strategy or the content of discussions held during executive session. Commissioner Kenney did agree with Commissioner Palmer in that there should be no need to have anything because the Commissioners should do this without adopting such an ordinance.

Commissioner Palmer apologized to Commissioner Kenney for calling him a smart-ass in a previous meeting, but Commissioner Palmer believed it was warranted at the time. Commissioner Palmer said he should have said a smart but or smart aleck. Commissioner Palmer said the proposed Code of Conduct Ordinance is not needed since we have so many that are not enforced already. Commissioner Palmer said the Board cannot levy anything on elected officials because he has consulted ACCG and with two private attorneys and they said it was a

waste of time and was a glorified way of asking someone to act nice in a meeting. Commissioner Palmer said we have a handbook that we don't follow and instead of writing new ordinances we should enforce the ones we have. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to postpone this issue until a later date if it is needed, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Commissioners Adams, Thomas, Palmer and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Kenney voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Palmer requested that the review and discussion of the employee handbook be removed from the agenda.

County Manager Brandon Braddy gave an update on the remodeling of the building located at 301 S. Richardson Street. The Tax Commissioner's Office and Tax Assessor's Office will be moving to this building on Thursday.

Under New Business, after County Attorney Paul Cook read a resolution on joining the opioid class action lawsuit, the Board agreed to adopt the resolution (Res. No. 18-16-01) on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the following bids for the Road Department sign building roof and Health Department roof which included materials and labor:

HT Remodeling	Health Dept – \$12,249.00	Bryson Builders	Health Dept –
\$15,900.00			
	Road Dept – <u>\$ 4,042.50</u>		Road Dept – <u>\$</u>
<u>4,700.00</u>			
Total	\$16,291.50	Total	
\$20,600.00			

On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to accept the bid from HT Remodeling for a total of \$16,291.50. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the need for a new roof on the EMS building. This building is the same size as the Road Department building. The Board agreed to make a change order and add this building to HT Remodeling's bid on a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to adopt the Community Mental Health contract. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to adopt the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Contract with The Heart of Georgia to update the plan. Motion carried unanimously. The County received a grant to help pay for this update.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board went into Executive Session to discuss legal issues at 7:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Palmer the Board came out of Executive Session at 7:49 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to move forward with settling a workman's comp claim. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP
APRIL 23, 2018

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a workshop on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss communications for the County's emergency services and the purchasing or leasing of equipment for the road department.

Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

Ron Runyon of Kenwood presented the Board with the study of the County's emergency communications system. Mr. Runyan had several options that could be implemented to upgrade the system. The Board asked Mr. Runyan to look at the water tank on Old Ailey-Lothair Road and the tower at the Forestry Unit.

The Board discussed the purchasing of one of the John Deere motor graders when the lease expires in August. A representative will be presenting all the options for purchasing the grader and the Board will visit this later.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

